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Correction

In Thursday's edition of Metro we mistakenly ran a photograph of Sen. Tony Avella, whom we identified as Tom Galante, former CEO of the Queens Library. Metro regrets the error. Visit Metro.us to view the correct photograph.

April Malloy uses a miter saw, left, and talks to plumbers in a building she's renovating in Bay Ridge. / MILES DIXON/ METRO

# Formerly homeless woman builds a future

**Gimme shelter.** April Malloy owns a construction company and is negotiating a reality TV show..

It doesn't matter if you don't know anything about construction when you walk on to April Malloy's site. She's showing you what the last contractor messed up, and how she's going to fix it.

"We gotta close all of this up," Malloy says, pointing toward a ceiling that must have been nice decades ago, on a construction site along Fourth Avenue in Bay Ridge. Malloy's commercial construction company, Construction 1st Class, is turning a vacant storefront into a veterinarian clinic.

"I'm having to put 2 by 8's here … We gotta get the plumbing out of here," Malloy says in her distinct Texas accent, clicking around the floors in American flag-print cowboy boots and pointing at blueprints with a sparkled French manicure, accented if you look close enough, with black grout from a recent job.

Before too long, you'll likely see Malloy on a reality show station near you. Since November, cameras have been following Malloy's commercial projects in the New York City area, and she said she's in talks with networks such as HDTV, TLC, Oxygen, Spike TV and Lifetime to land the show.

Quoted

**"It's about empowering these women, helping them get off welfare and empowering our country."**
April Malloy

But Malloy hasn't always owned her own company, hasn't always fired subcontractors or broke up fist fights, or gotten wet concrete thrown on her by a disgruntled worker.

Malloy turned to construction when her marriage dissolved, and she became homeless and responsible for caring for her infant son. Malloy first learned construction skills when she was 15 and growing up in the foster system in Texas. She fell back on these skills to provide for herself and her child, taking electrical jobs and slowly working her way up to owning her own company.

She now closes multimillion-dollar deals for Times Square hotels and Manhattan nightclubs and restaurants. Construction 1st Class did just under $1 million in business last year, but is on track to do $10 million before the end of the year.

The self-made business owner and mother of seven children said she uses her own story to inspire other women, and teaches women who are living in shelters on her job sites, as well as those living in halfway houses and veterans.

"It's about empowering these women, helping them get off welfare, and empowering our country," Malloy said. Malloy said she's also hoping to motivate women — who make up just 8.9 percent of the construction industry — to take on leadership roles.

"I want to help other women because I've been there," Malloy said.

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## Toast. 'Drunk' father who left child in Subway arrested

The girl / PROVIDED

The Long Island father who allegedly abandoned his child in a Harlem sandwich shop told police he was drunk when he left the 3-year-old behind, according to published reports.

Stanley Frederique, 34, was arrested Sunday, the morning after he allegedly left his daughter in a Subway sandwich shop at St. Nicholas Avenue and West 124th Street.

He reportedly bought the child a sandwich and then left leaving behind little Natalie, who was wearing a green dress with white polka dots and pink pants.

Frederique told police he was drunk and forgot his daughter was with him, according to the Daily News. He has been charged with abandonment of a child, reckless endangerment and acting in a manner injurious to a child.

An employee working at Subway that night said the restaurant was busy, but when a customer asked another employee about the girl, his coworker took her to the nearby police station.

From there, she was taken to Mount Sinai St. Luke's Hospital, where she was examined and then released to the care of the Administration for Children's Services.

JULIA SHU

# Summer. Park scene heats up

The city enjoyed a sunny, hot weekend with temperatures in the high 80s. Melanie Bell, 34, was out in Washington Square Park.

"The summer [heat] provides a way to enjoy the city without having to spend money," said Bell.

Victoria Rogers, 30, visiting from London, had a similar idea.

"You have to keep hydrated and everything, but other than that it's not too bad," she said, "The summer is very democratic; everyone can have a good time."

Expect more of July's odd mood changes next week.

The city will cool off a bit to the low 80s on Monday, then thunderstorms Tuesday night followed by partly cloudy weather Wednesday and Thursday. Friday and Saturday will be sunny with a high of 87 on Saturday. Rain returns Sunday, with an uncomfortably sticky 65 percent humidity. JULIA SHU

Joe Dante, 56, of Queens, played his horn and people (and pooches) sunbathed this weekend in Washington Square Park. Felix R. France takes a break in the fountain at the park. The weather over the weekend was especially nice in the city, with lots of sun and highs in the upper 80s. /MILES DIXON

## Disability Pride Parade

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Sober Grid co-founder Nick Krasucki demonstrates the app.

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# Sober Grid app connects people in recovery

**One day at a time.** A new app lets sober people find others around them for support.

Sober Grid, an app that connects sober people in recovery, officially launches Thursday evening at an event in the Bowery.

The app, which had a soft release in April, already has 23,000 downloads. It provides tools for those recovering from alcohol and drug addiction to connect with other sober people by users' locations. Users can message each other and post updates on a news feed.

The app is a creation of CEO Beau Mann. He said he thought of the idea one year while visiting the Sundance Film Festival. While waiting for friends, he wanted a way to connect with other people in the area.

"We didn't have a app that was location-based to help you connect with sober people," Mann said. He noted that other apps exist for specific communities to connect, such as dating apps for LGBT people, but sober people in recovery had few such resources.

Mann believes Sober Grid fulfills two needs for the sober people in recovery: a way to meet other people with similar situations, and a way to share personal updates — for example, an anniversary of being sober — that people are often reluctant to post to Facebook or other social networks.

"A lot of people don't want everyone to know, because it's just among your sober support group that you want people to know," said Mann.

Joe Putignano, a writer from Chelsea, sees the same benefits.

"It brings together a community," said Putignano, "Addiction really isolates people, but here everyone's on one network."

One of Sober Grid's features called "Burning Desire" lets users put a red box around their profile, signaling anyone nearby that they have a desire to drink or use drugs, and need extra support. The app allows users to remain anonymous, a factor that may encourage more people to join and speak honestly.

"That's my favorite part," said Putignano.

Sober Grid is available as a free download for Android and Apple iOS devices, and a paid premium version offers additional features.

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# Mexico drug kingpin 'Chapo' Guzman stages brazen jailbreak

**Escape.** Guzman snuck out through a subterranean tunnel more than 1 mile long.

A picture of Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman Loera / GETTY IMAGES

Mexico's most notorious drug lord, Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman, broke out of a high-security prison on Saturday night for the second time, escaping in a tunnel built right under his cell, and heaping embarrassment on President Enrique Pena Nieto.

Guzman, who had bribed his way out of prison during a previous escape in 2001, was seen on video entering his shower area at 8:52 p.m. on Saturday. He never reappeared, the National Security Commission said.

Wanted by U.S. prosecutors and once featured in the Forbes list of billionaires, Guzman was gone by the time guards entered his cell in Altiplano prison in central Mexico.

Beneath a hole in the cell's shower area, guards found a ladder descending about 32 feet into the tunnel, which was about 5.6 feet high and 28-31 inches wide.

Prison workers were quickly detained over the escape.

Rubido said 18 officials from the penitentiary had been taken in for interrogation at the unit specializing in organized crime at the Attorney General's office.

Security services called a meeting of their top officials, ordered a massive manhunt for El Chapo, or "Shorty," and shut down the airport in the nearby city of Toluca.

Guzman became one of the world's top crime bosses, running the powerful Sinaloa Cartel, which smuggled billions of dollars worth of cocaine, marijuana and methamphetamines into the U.S. and fought vicious turf wars with other Mexican gangs.

The flight of Guzman, who became an almost legendary figure in villages scattered in the sierra where he grew up in northwestern Mexico, seriously undermines Pena Nieto's pledge to bring order to a country racked by years of gang violence. REUTERS

Policemen search for Guzman outside the Altiplano prison in Almoloya de Juarez, Mexico. / GETTY IMAGES

**Never say never**

## 'Never happen again'

The Mexican president has come under increasing pressure to deliver on his pledges to root out corruption after becoming embroiled in a string of conflict-of-interest scandals.

Before Pena Nieto won election, politicians in his Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI) had mocked their conservative rivals for letting Guzman escape while they ran the country, saying it would not have happened on their watch.

Days after Guzman was captured in 2014, Pena Nieto said another El Chapo escape must "never happen again."

"Given what happened in the past, truly, it would be worse than deplorable, it would unforgivable," he said then. REUTERS

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## TOM FOREMAN

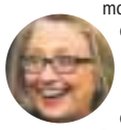
**TOM FOREMAN PREDICTS THIS WEEK IN POLITICS. HE IS A CNN CORRESPONDENT AND AUTHOR OF THE UPCOMING BOOK "MY YEAR OF RUNNING DANGEROUSLY: A DAD, A DAUGHTER, AND A RIDICULOUS PLAN."**

Like good hot dogs in the heat of summer, Democrats are on a roll. From Supreme Court rulings to social trends, an awful lot of issues are tilting their way and they are enjoying it with relish. With that in mind, here are my three things to watch this week in politics.

**1. TAKING THE WURST OF IT:** The Confederate flag fight has unfurled in Congress with a fury, and Dems are slapping the mustard on Republicans; depicting them as stodgy at best, racist at worst. Never mind that a GOP governor led the charge to take down the flag in South Carolina. On the national level the fight over when, where and how the flag might wave has Dems scoring political points. The GOP is in a bind because some conservatives see this as not merely placating those who find the flag offensive, but also demonizing Southern heritage. You can bet Dems will keep fanning the outrage because at the moment the Repubs are wobbling around like the Minions.

**2. IN A PICKLE:** Remember all that optimistic nattering from the White House about a pending nuke deal with Iran? Not so much now. The talks have been extended for a third time while the administration is steadily lowering expectations of success. Congressional types on both sides of the aisle are raising grave concerns about the details, and approval seems far from certain. This could finally be the make or break week, with repercussions either way.

**3. GIMME ONE WITH EVERYTHING:** Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker will wade into the 2016 presidential race this week, bringing the total number of GOP contenders to 109. Not really, but there are more than a dozen and top Dems are yukking it up over the size of the field. But they might want to stifle their giggles. Each new player on the GOP side is another person to snipe at Hillary Clinton's campaign, and all those pot shots could produce a Dem defeat no matter how things look now.



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**Ouch**

## US men gored at 'Running of the Bulls'

A Philadelphia man was among several injured by bulls over the weekend in Spain.

Four people were gored by bulls during the San Fermin festival in Pamplona, Spain, which involves the famous weeklong "Running of the Bulls" event, NBC reported.

Five others sustained injuries ranging from a broken collarbone to sprains and bruises.

The Philly man, 34, was identified only by his initials, J.N.O. He reportedly was gored twice by the bull, sustaining injuries to the back of his knee and near his anus.

Another American, 20, was also gored but suffered less serious injuries, reports say.

The run goes from a holding pen on the edge of Pamplona to the central bullring, where the bulls participate in traditional bullfights with matadors.

Five bulls took part in the half-mile run along the cobblestone streets.

In a rare occurrence, the sixth bull, Curioso, turned back into his pen rather than participate, reports say. **SAM NEWHOUSE**

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Donald Trump addresses supporters during a political rally at the Phoenix Convention Center on July 11. / GETTY IMAGES

# Republicans run from 'demagogue' Trump over immigration

**Backlash.** Numerous companies have cut ties with the billionaire real estate developer over his comments.

Key Republicans distanced themselves on Sunday from presidential candidate Donald Trump's denunciation of illegal immigrants from Mexico as rapists and criminals, saying he has become "a wrecking ball" for the party's ability to win Hispanic voters.

Announcing his candidacy last month, Trump accused Mexico of sending rapists and other criminals into the U.S. He later added that illegal border-crossers from Mexico were carrying "tremendous infectious disease".

"At the end of the day, for us to win a national election, we have to do better with Hispanics," presidential candidate and South Carolina Senator Lindsey Graham told CNN's "State of the Union" program.

"And for us to have the moral authority as a party to govern a great nation, we have to reject this demagoguery. If we don't, we will lose, and we will deserve to lose."

With the Hispanic population rising, Hispanic voters are becoming increasingly important in U.S. politics. Their support helped Democratic President Barack Obama win re-election in 2012. Just over half of illegal immigrants in the U.S. are Hispanic, according to Pew Research Center.

Graham said Trump had "hijacked the debate" over immigration policy, adding: "I think he's a wrecking ball for the future of the Republican Party with the Hispanic community."

Graham has long advocated a comprehensive change in U.S. immigration laws, including providing a pathway to citizenship for some of the more than 11 million illegal immigrants. REUTERS

**Trump**

## Wooing 'silent majority'

Trump jumped into a virtual dead heat with former Florida Governor Jeb Bush atop the field seeking the 2016 Republican presidential nomination in a Reuters-Ipsos poll released on Saturday.

During a campaign speech in Phoenix on Saturday, Trump wooed America's "silent majority" and ripped critics of his immigration comments.

South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley, a daughter of two immigrants who is considered a potential 2016 Republican vice presidential candidate, said on NBC's "Meet the Press" that she understands Trump's frustration on immigration but called for communicating with "respect and dignity."

"We want someone that brings people together," Haley added. "We want someone that understands that what unites us is a lot more than what divides us."

House of Representatives Speaker John Boehner said on CBS's "Face the Nation" that other Republican presidential candidates "have much more responsible positions" than Trump's.

"Most of the candidates have disagreed with his assertions with regard to our border. And, certainly, I disagree," he said.

Former Hewlett-Packard CEO and presidential candidate Carly Fiorina seemed to embrace Trump's views. REUTERS

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Drone racing

## Early stages of the sport

As the sport is still in its infancy, there is not yet a defining rule book or procedure for hosting major tournaments. Organizers are trying to foster innovation on all fronts with the help of local government and public organizations. For example, from the safety standpoint, they've borrowed many techniques and best practices from car to model airplane racing. Yet a set of standard qualifications does not exist, leading some to call it a hobby rather than a sport ... for now.

"The main source of recognition in my eyes is flight footage or video editing and online presence in the community," Steele Davis added. MWN

# Game of Drones. The fast-paced thrill of drone racing is here

Tournament organizers are already looking forward to next year's competition. / METRO WORLD NEWS

It's the coolest sport you've never heard of, but now drone racing is taking off across the world. Known as FPV racing — or first person view racing — competitors use special goggles that connect to a camera on their aircraft, giving them a drone's-eye view as they fly around the course.

"The sport is hyper-multiplying every day. In the San Francisco Bay Area alone, there is probably around 1,000-2,000 racers, so multiply that by every major city in the world ... and you will get a total quantity of racers," Scot Refsland, director of the first U.S. National Drone Racing Championship, to be held in Sacramento, California, told Metro. "After the Nationals, I'm guessing this number will easily double."

Pioneers in the new sport are preparing ahead of the inaugural event, in which just nine countries are participating. Chad Nowak, 37, from Brisbane, Australia, hones his skills by flying his drone through forests and abandoned buildings. He admits that the ability to walk out the front door, or even stay on your couch, and be able to "strap yourself in" to a racing quadcopter and fly with no fear is very addictive.

There are a few key components that an exceptional FPV pilot needs: hand-eye coordination (all of the stick movements from the drone control panel need to be based on what the eyes see in the goggles), cat-like reflexes (with time-video broadcasting operating via an analog signal transmitting wirelessly from aircraft to operator, you might not see things like twigs or power lines until you hit them), proprioception (the ability to put one's sense of spacial awareness and orientation into a remote body) and creativity (finding a unique way of solving incoming problems).

"It is very hard to pilot these aircrafts at top speeds and as accurately as some of the well-known pilots of today," Steele Davis, a 25-year-old drone racer from Atlanta, explained.

DMITRY BELYAEV / MWN

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**"With racing cars there is only left and right, but with quadcopter there is also up and down. You can use the topography to your advantage. You may need to jump over a hedge and then duck under a branch or fly through a doorway or open window."**

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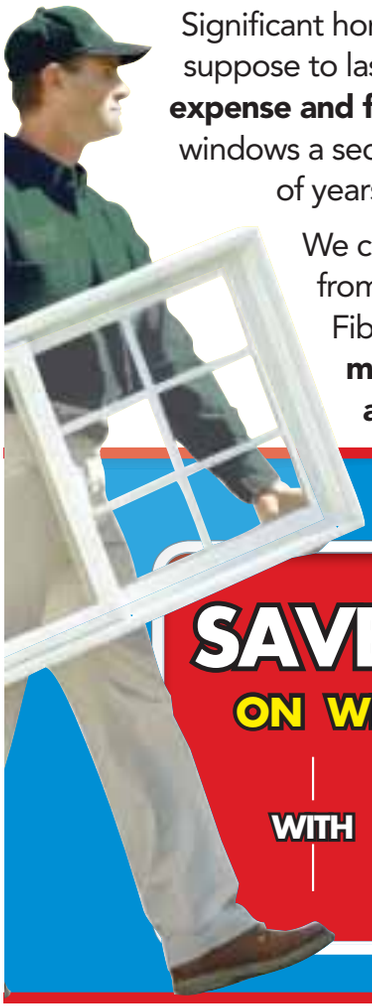

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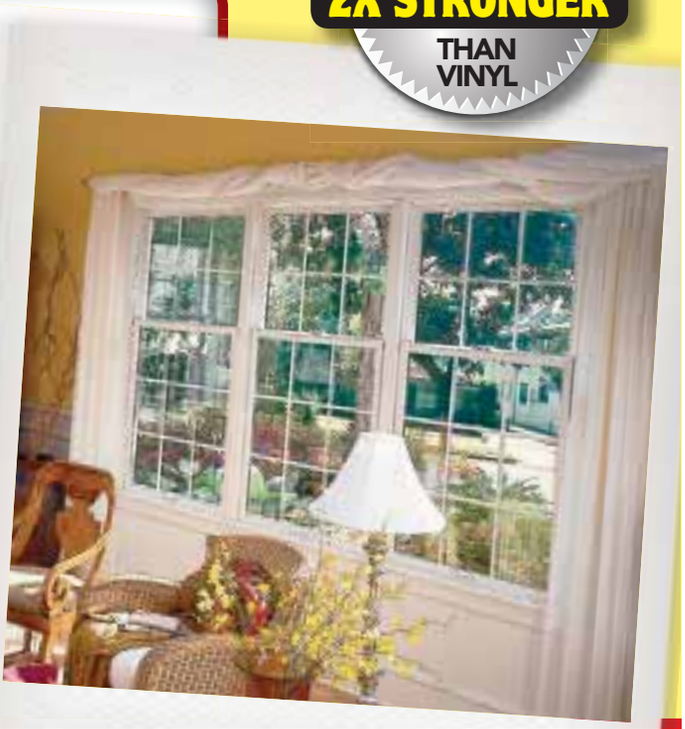

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# Five things you

## 1 Greece must pass new laws by Wednesday for bailout: Finland

Eurozone ministers gave Greece until Wednesday to pass new laws as a condition for negotiations on a bailout Athens needs to avoid losing access to the common currency, Finnish Finance Minister Alexander Stubb said on Sunday.

Describing a joint proposal the Eurogroup of finance ministers have put to a summit of eurozone leaders that began on Sunday, Stubb told reporters: "It has far-reaching conditionality, on three counts: No. 1, it needs to implement laws by July 15. No. 2, tough conditions on, for instance, labor reforms and pensions and VAT and taxes.

"And then No. 3, quite tough measures also on, for instance, privatization and privatization funds.

"And for us the most important thing is that ... this whole package has to be approved by both the Greek government and the Greek parliament and then we'll have a look." **REUTERS**

Finnish Finance Minister Alexander Stubb, left, and Eurogroup President Jeroen Dijsselbloem / GETTY IMAGES

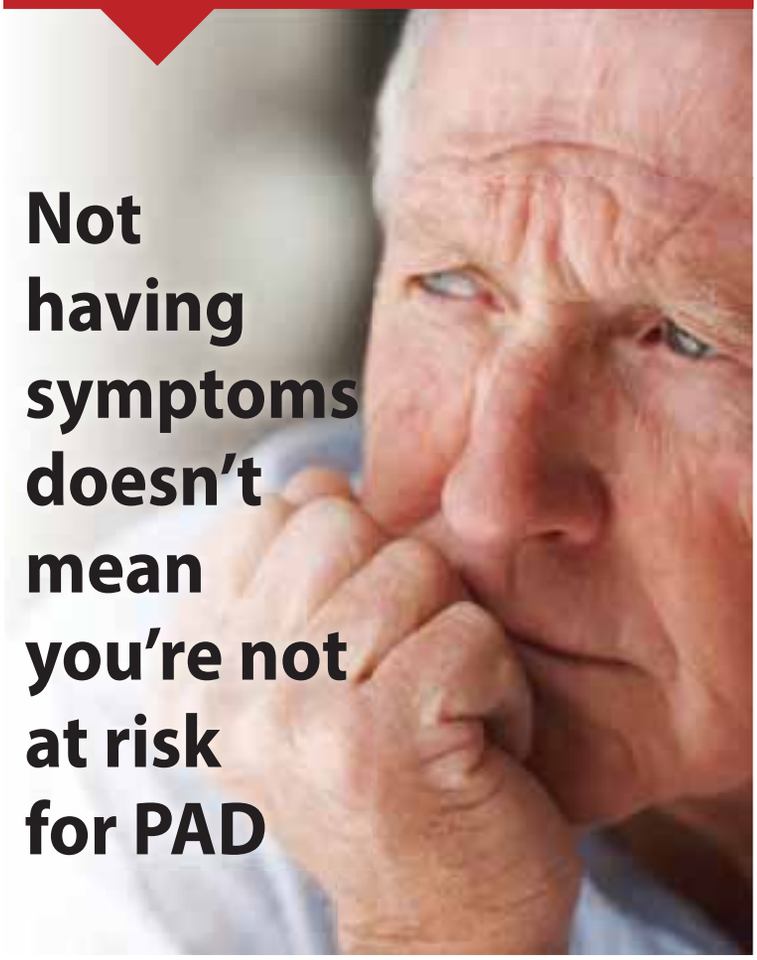
## 2 Face of distant Pluto coming into focus

NASA's New Horizons spacecraft is in closing fast on an unexpectedly spotted Pluto, the most distant planetary body ever explored.

From New Horizon's position more than 3 billion miles from Earth, radio signals, traveling at the speed of light, take nearly four and a half hours to reach the ground.

Not that the probe, which has been traveling toward Pluto for more than nine years, is currently spending much time relaying back pictures and data from its seven instruments.

Pluto and its icy Kuiper Belt kin are believed to be relics left over from the formation of the solar system 4.6 billion years ago. **REUTERS**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# need to know

## 3 Chicago rapper Capo and baby killed in gang shooting

Chicago rapper Capo, a member of Chief Keef's "Glo Gang," has died in a gang-related shooting over the weekend that also resulted in the death of a baby boy who was struck by a vehicle fleeing the scene, the Chicago Sun-Times reported on Sunday.

The death of Marvin Carr, who went by the name Capo, was confirmed by the group's manager, Renaldo Hess, according to the newspaper. Hess could not be reached for comment. **REUTERS**

CAPO

## 4 RI beach reopened a day after explosion

A busy beach in Narragansett, Rhode Island, was reopened on Sunday, a day after a small explosion injured a woman, a state official said.

The state's fire marshal was investigating the cause of the explosion that occurred around noon on Saturday at Salty Brine Beach on the state's southern coastline, said Rayna Maguire, spokeswoman for the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management. The beach was evacuated after the incident.

A representative for the fire marshal was not immediately available for comment. **REUTERS**

## 5 Father of missing Calif. baby named 'person of interest'

Authorities searched on Sunday in the Redding, California, area for a missing 6-month-old girl and her father, who police described as a person of interest.

Investigators, volunteers and police units with dogs took part in the search for Ember Graham, who disappeared 10 days ago, said the Shasta County Sheriff's Office in a Facebook statement on Sunday.

Matthew Graham, 23, reported that he discovered his daughter Ember missing from her crib in his home on July 2, according to a statement on the sheriff's website. **REUTERS**

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# CULTURE

**Twitter feed**

**Today, Ricky Gervais is incensed, Dana Delany is not having a comfortable vacation, Lil Wayne is overwhelmed and Iggy Azalea is having a laugh.**

**@rickygervais:**
**It's 2015. How the hell are we still trying to decide if we should allow posh psychopaths to torture wildlife if they like it?**

**@DanaDelany:**
**I absolutely adore you Italy, but I am one big mosquito bite.**

**@LilTunechi:**
**Bahamas showed too much lib**

**@IGGYAZALEA:**
**sometimes i have a bit of a cackle at how angry people get at some films in the reviews.**

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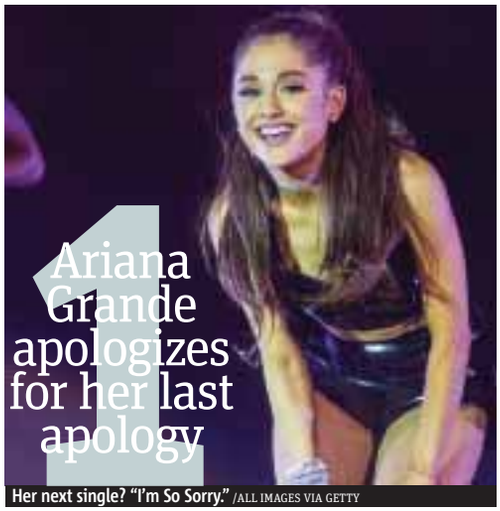
## Ariana Grande apologizes for her last apology



Her next single? "I'm So Sorry." /ALL IMAGES VIA GETTY

Arianna Grande took another stab — or should we say another lick? — at the whole public apology thing, as she felt her first attempt at trying to mollify critics after her "Ugh, I hate Americans" doughnut debacle didn't really do the job. I mean, she wasn't the only one who thought the whole "I actually love America and Americans" statement from last week wasn't enough. So Grande took to the interwebs to post an uncomfortably close-up video apology for her apology. "I kind of missed my opportunity to actually sincerely apologize and express how I was feeling because I was too busy preaching about my feelings with the food industry, which is not, like, relative," she, like, says. "I reacted in a way that wasn't necessary, to say the least, and also wasn't me at all. I apologize for my poor choice of words and my behavior. Seeing how ugly it looks when you behave a certain way makes you never want to behave that way again." Totes, girlfriend. Totes.

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## Uncle Jesse heads to rehab

So remember when John Stamos got popped for a DUI in Beverly Hills a few weeks ago? Well, in a slightly delayed reaction to that embarrassing incident, the "Full House" star has checked himself into a residential rehab facility to help him tackle some substance abuse issues, according to TMZ. It's unclear how long he's planning to stay, but he's got new Fox sitcom "Grandfathered" premiering in the fall and the Netflix series "Fuller House" to get to work on. And you know, maybe if the Olsen twins hadn't given him such a hard time about whether or not they'd be a part of that, he wouldn't have gone off the deep end like that.

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## Mila Kunis keeps a gun in the house

It must be awkward when the topic of gun ownership comes up with British press, but Mila Kunis isn't one to shy away from a question. "I will say this: We have a gun at the house. But would I give it to my daughter as a gift at 15? No," Kunis tells the Telegraph's Luxury magazine. (It's unclear if they mentioned the 15th birthday thing or if Kunis just had quinceanera gifts for baby Wyatt on the brain.) "My child shouldn't be as well trained as us, nor should she know there is a weapon in the house — ever." Let's just hope she's not reading this, then.

Also, in case anyone's thinking about questioning Kunis' badass bona fides, know this: "I can take a gun apart and put it back together blindfolded," she humble-brags. "I probably wouldn't have the gun if I didn't have stalkers or people constantly trying to break into my house."

LOCKED AND LOADED.

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## J.K. Rowling shuts down Serena Williams basher

It's getting to be a bit redundant, but J.K. Rowling really is one of our reigning social media aces. The British author continues to offer master classes in shutting down fools. The latest example? Rowling tweeted a picture of her with tennis champ Serena Williams, celebrating the athlete's performance at Wimbledon, but a follower had to go and respond that the "main reason for her success is that she is built like a man." Rowling wasn't having it, though, sharing that tweet, another picture of Williams and the message, "Yeah, my husband looks just like this in a dress. You're an idiot." Oh, and she has 4.9 million followers.

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**Film.** Jon Hamm joins the ranks of the animated in "Minions."

# Groovy times

Herb (Jon Hamm) romances Scarlet (Sandra Bullock) in "Minions." / UNIVERSAL PICTURES

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Jon Hamm's latest role calls for him to be suave, debonair and have a certain 1960s flair. But this is certainly not Don Draper. "That's a stretch," Hamm says of comparing his "Minions" character with his "Mad Men" legacy. Herb, his villainous character, "definitely has his own style, and I don't think it's very similar to Don's."

But that doesn't mean the character doesn't seem a bit, shall we say, familiar. "If there's an analogy to be made, I think it's closer to Austin Powers, at least from a sartorial sense," Hamm admits. "That was the one thing I was careful about. I didn't want to veer too far into Austin Powers territory."

Hamm gets animated for "Minions" as the husband to the world's first female supervillain (voiced by Sandra Bullock) and is something of a villain himself. The happily married do-bad-ers share a bond and common respect that Hamm found to be entirely un-'60s. "It's almost subversive in a way. It's couched in this sort of cartoon-y evil sense, but it's very progressive," he says. "Herb is a hepcat. He's very, very comfortable in who he is, and he loves his wife, and she loves him right back. That's the really kind of lovely part of their relationship."

Already being a fan of the "Despicable Me" franchise, Hamm was more than happy to come on board for the prequel focusing on the gibberish-spouting yellow henchmen. But that doesn't necessarily mean he'd want a set of minions of his own, of course.

"Knowing what I know about how effective they are at doing their jobs, I probably wouldn't assign them any tasks that really needed to be done well," he says. "Like picking up dry cleaning — all of your clothes would be ruined. Like, immediately. I would say, 'Go mow the lawn,' and the lawn would be lit on fire, you know? But it would be great if you had one around, just to hang out with."

**One more thing**

## Education through "Looney Tunes"

A huge animation fan since childhood, Jon Hamm is well aware of the power of children's entertainment. "I wouldn't know anything about opera if it wasn't for Bugs Bunny. That was my entire introduction to opera music," he says. "It's the combination of the high and the low that I thought was very cool. I had no concept of it as a kid. You just think it's hilarious that Bugs Bunny is a lady Viking. That's funny! And then you realize, 'Why do I know that? Why do I know all of the words to "The Marriage of Figaro" — because of Bugs Bunny.'"

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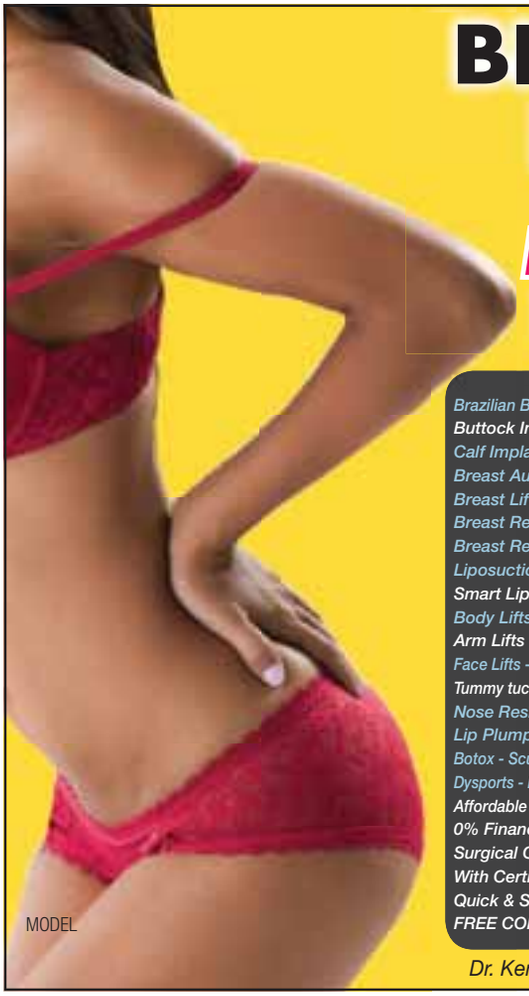

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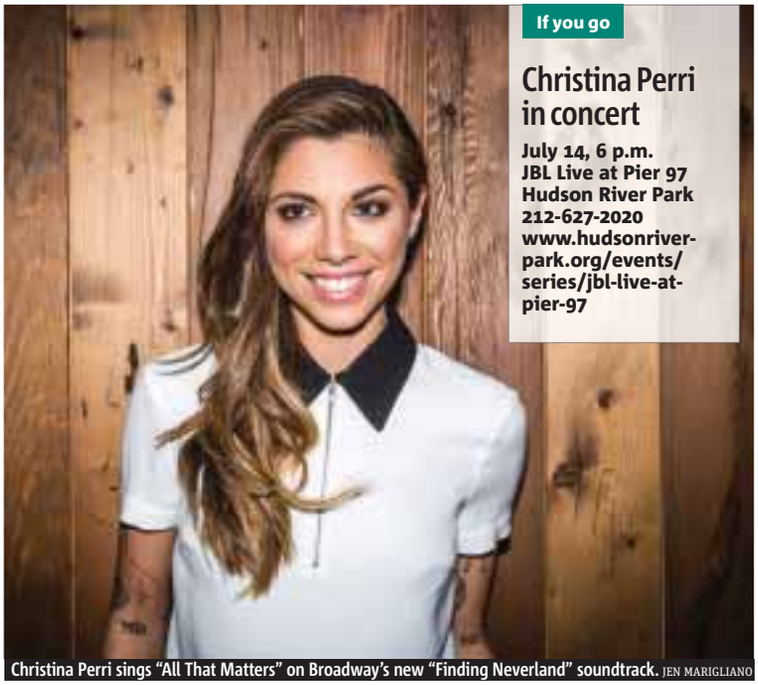

Christina Perri sings "All That Matters" on Broadway's new "Finding Neverland" soundtrack. JEN MARIGLIANO

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# Christina Perri: 'I've learned it's OK to be vulnerable'

**Interview.** Plus other lessons she's learned in her 20s, so far.

As any Christina Perri fan can tell you, Perri gets heartbreak. Between "I Don't Wanna Break," "Jar of Hearts," "Shot Me in the Heart" and her roughly dozen other songs about that feeling of utter despair that hits you during a split, chances are, if you've ever made a breakup playlist, she's on it.

"I've finally figured out why," Perri tells us on her knack for writing about the painful side of love. "When you're happy, your time is spent with that person who is making you happy. But when you're recovering, you're putting that somewhere."

## From her moment to the audience's

You'd think belting out songs night after night about a devastating time in her life would be rough, but Perri doesn't see it that way. "I feel like the relationships that ended really s—ty, I'm thankful for the songs I do have about them because that's how I got through it," she says.

"When I perform them, the songs aren't really mine anymore. I already went through whatever I was going through for each song." She says, at that point, the song belongs to the audience and how it plays a part in their lives. "The audience is that missing piece," she says.

## Lessons learned

Despite her library of sad songs, Perri says she's been falling in and out of love throughout her 20s, and she's learned a lot of lessons along the way. "I've learned it's OK to be vulnerable, and in my vulnerability, I've been able to find the things that make me happy."

And there's a reason why she's looking forward to entering her 30s in a couple of years. "Your 20s is when you're the most exposed," she says. "You're vulnerable because you're trying to put together your life, career and relationships while finding a place in the world where you belong. That's pretty intense."

## All about the girls

For now, the relationships she's most excited to talk about are her ones with tour mates Colbie Caillat and Rachel Platten. "Colbie and Rachel are two of my favorite girls in the music industry, so touring with them this summer is going to be the best time ever," she says. "I just imagine us all nerding out, being girly and having a good time."

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# COMIC-CON NEEDS TO DITCH SAN DIEGO

Geek Girl in Hollywood

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Behold the overcrowded sights of San Diego Comic-Con. / GETTY IMAGES

We just wrapped San Diego Comic-Con. Even before it started, I was dreading it. Comic-Con used to be my Halloween and Christmas rolled into one. I got to see friends, interview celebrities and walk the floor, bankrupting myself by buying silly things like "Doctor Who" slippers.

Now it seems my entire Facebook feed is full of friends saying they feel the same dread — or that they're not going at all. I decided to try to figure out why I don't want to go.

Some people talk about how the big studios have taken over. It's not that. I love TV and film and all the news about what's coming. Hell, it's the reason I have a job. I, as well as the fans, get to talk to celebrities and watch amazing trailers.

Is it because comic creators are being pushed to the side? They were for a while, but with the new popularity of geek culture, little-known creators are actually getting more press than ever. I have more to read. It's not that at all.

Is it all the work? It's nonstop and absolutely insane, but that's no different than other years. It's harder to get passes for panels, but they're there for the fans, not me, and that's as it should be.

Honestly, it's this: There are too many people for San Diego to handle. I used to be able to get a hotel for under $300 a night. Now you can't, if you can get a room at all. Half of the panels are in a different location — you need to take a train to get there, and it takes too long.

Hall H has become so crowded that people are afraid to get a bathroom pass in case they lose their seats. The floor is so crowded that you can barely get to a stall to buy anything.

It's time to move it out of San Diego. Los Angeles, Vegas — honestly, I don't care. When I talk about the smaller cons that I do with such love, and reminisce about years past, that says something.

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# Comic-Con geeks out

Pop culture went full-throttle this weekend at San Diego's "Nerd-chella." **NED EHRBAR**

## Affleck returns

Ben Affleck made his first public appearance following his divorce announcement to tease next year's "Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice." He also shared an adorable story about running into Christian Bale while both men were shopping for Batman costumes for their sons for Halloween.

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## The force re-awakens

Star Wars stole the show by getting Harrison Ford, left, to show up and treating the 6,000 fans in Hall H to a free outdoor concert and fireworks show.

## So many mutants

Director Bryan Singer brought a whole slew of cast members from "X-Men: Age of Apocalypse" including James McAvoy, Michael Fassbender and newcomers Sophie Turner and Tye Sheridan — plus a special surprise: Channing Tatum, inset right, set to star in "Gambit," and "Deadpool" star Ryan Reynolds.

## The Doctor is in

Current "Doctor Who" star Peter Capaldi made his first Comic-Con appearance, delighting fans by sneaking out into the open to greet them and pose for pictures.

## JLaw steals the show

Speaking of "X-Men," Jennifer Lawrence hit Comic-Con for the superhero franchise as well as for "Hunger Games" — and charmed the pants off everyone with her sly wit. Get this girl in more comedies, Hollywood.

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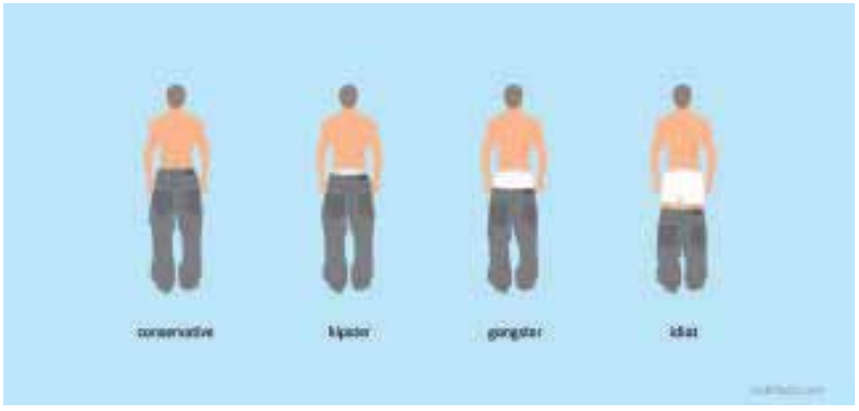


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**Aries** By mixing business with pleasure, you will be able to tie up loose ends. Plan to celebrate your achievements while enjoying company.

**Taurus** Conservative investments should be part of your financial plan. Don't jump at a deal just because others think you should.

**Gemini** You will get upset if you let a reckless emotional state dictate your actions. Think matters through before you make a life-altering move.

**Cancer** You will receive mixed signals from someone close to you. Don't jump to conclusions or act on hasty assumptions.

**Leo** Your popularity will soar if you dedicate your time to a cause. You will have no problem drumming up support for your projects.

**Virgo** Joint endeavors will not turn out well. Sharing your plans will backfire. Someone will try to take credit for your ideas. Listen and observe.

**Libra** Don't waste time fretting over events you can't control. Your concepts will prove successful if you can enlist help.

**Scorpio** You will stress yourself out if you don't learn to say no to demanding people. Take care of your health by putting your needs first.

**Sagittarius** Take time to consider how a partnership will impact the rest of your life. Professional interests are best put on the back burner.

**Capricorn** Unresolved health issues will surface if you continue to set an unrealistic pace. An old friend will make moves to regain the relationship.

**Aquarius** Invest in your skills and knowledge. If you dedicate your efforts to something you feel passionate about, you'll get amazing results.

**Pisces** When it comes to improving your environment, do what you think best. Bowing to what others want will stifle your confidence. EUGENIA LAST

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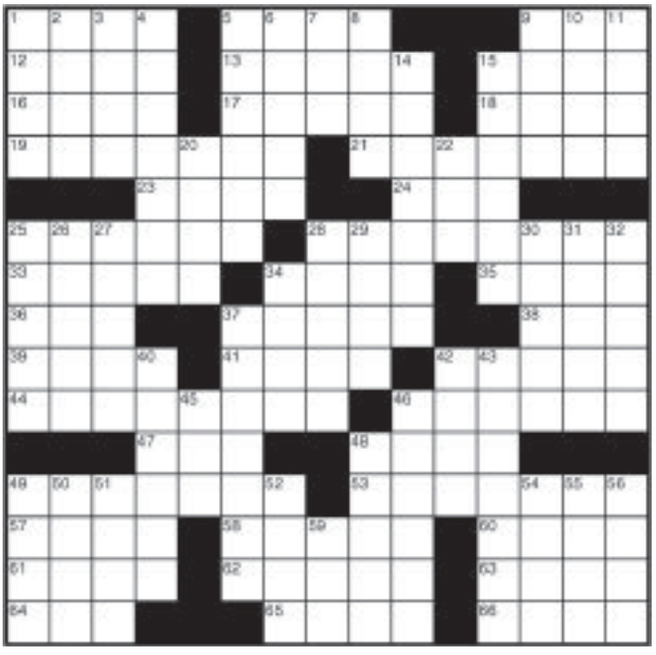

**Across**

1 Black sheep, once
5 FedEx trucks
9 Status —
12 Kind of rug
13 For — — (cheap)
15 Chekov's crewmate
16 Coin eater
17 Havana export
18 Faint trace
19 Blond
21 They really take a beating
23 Allot
24 Beaded shoe
25 Nogales nosh
28 Turn signals
33 Rentals
34 Slide sideways
35 Chop —
36 Escorted
37 Beatle Ringo —
38 Tavern
39 "Othello" plotter
41 Pelt
42 Spyri girl
44 Boss's weight
46 Singer — Brewer
47 Walk barefoot
48 Meditation guide
49 Angler's gear (2 wds.)
53 Plebe's place
57 Don Juan
58 Big pitchers
60 List particular
61 Unattractive
62 Stallone role
63 Face-powder base
64 Right, to Dobbin
65 Unstable lepton
66 "Frozen" princess

**Down**

1 Survive
2 Singer — Guthrie
3 Pet plea
4 Drip catcher (2 wds.)
5 Leave empty
6 Stage whisper
7 Holiday drink
8 Ginger cookie
9 Go cold turkey
10 Humerus neighbor
11 Scoreboard data
14 Dirtier
15 Rough cabins
20 Underwater shockers
22 Oui opposite
25 Red flower
26 Keep — — to the ground
27 Gnat
28 Leaf of grass
29 Decoy
30 Blake of jazz
31 Skims through
32 Lebanon neighbor
34 Cook in a wok
37 Show horror
40 Fish hawk
42 Jealous goddess
43 Well-read
45 — Paulo, Brazil
46 Arizona city
48 Renowned recluse
49 Kin of the twist
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# The secret to getting unstuck

HOW TO GET AHEAD

A Stanford professor tells us how to get started on any project.

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Everyone gets stuck. Sometimes we get tripped up completing the simplest tasks — like finding a misplaced file on our computer or picking what to eat for lunch. Sometimes we run into a mental block when working on a creative project or assignment — like, um, an article about getting unstuck. (Seriously, it took a long time to start writing those two sentences.)

And other times, it's the big stuff that leaves us paralyzed with indecision or self-doubt: what we want to do with our lives, where we want to live, whether — or when — we want to start a family.

> ***"I felt that education was giving you a lot of information about things but not about yourself. I felt, as an educator, I should be giving people a chance to grow and change the things that are dysfunctional in their lives."***
>
> Bernard Roth

Stanford professor Bernard Roth teaches an entire class on getting stuff done. His students come up with and complete one big task per term, which can be anything from producing a radio show to building a rocket to completing a triathlon. His new book, "The Achievement Habit: Stop Wishing, Start Doing, and Take Command of Your Life," applies the insights he's gleaned from 40 years of teaching people how to achieve their goals.

We asked Roth for some suggestions on how to just get started already.

## Reframe your problem

The reason why so many people get stuck? Because, Roth says, they're often asking the wrong question or identifying the wrong thing as the problem.

"For example, the other day, I rented a car, and I couldn't find where the release was for the gas tank cap," he explains. "I spent about 20 minutes trying to find the release button before I saw a similar car getting gas. I went over, and I said, 'Where did you get the release?' He said, 'There is no release, just open the cap.'"

So if Roth had asked himself, "How do I get the cap open?" instead of, "How do I find the release button?" he may not have had a problem at all.

This works for not only the most mundane, everyday tasks but for the monumental ones too. Says Roth: "If people back off and reframe their question and find the right problem, often the answer is right there."

## Draw it out

In his book, Roth includes 22 exercises that can help readers conquer a mental block, and a lot of them include visuals — from storyboards to mind maps to all sorts of diagrams. Visuals not only help clarify and give shape to an idea, he says. They also unleash creative thinking. "I love words — I wrote a book with words — but synthesizing information visually is more holistic for most of us," says Roth. "Pictures encapsulate so much more information and nuance; they're more evocative."

### Self-made

Sometimes, in order to achieve our dreams, we need to do some self-evaluation and change our image of ourselves. "We are who we are, but that's not who we are," says Roth, who says that most people's self-image is based on that of their parents or siblings. "And the good news is we're not stuck with it. Doing stuff is a good way to change your self-image because many people say, 'I can't do that' or 'I can't eat that,' and so if you do it, it's empowering."

## Work really, really hard

As much as drawing maps, brainstorming, talking your problems out or even rearranging your workspace can help speed along the creative process, there's one technique that Roth swears by: hard work. "Sometimes things come to me in a flash, but most of the time, they come after a lot of hard work and frustration," he says.

And often, you have to start working before feeling inspired. "There's no magic bullet — most of the time, attention and intention and just doing are the most important and productive things you can do."

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Bill Nye the Science Guy uses emojis to illustrate climate change. PROVIDED

# Want to teach kids about science? Try using flame emojis

Smiley face molecules? Rocket ships showing how fast the Earth is heating up? Bill Nye (everyone's favorite Science Guy) has launched a series of educational YouTube videos, and he's using the most popular form of tech speak to teach students about science: emojis.

Spearheaded by General Electric, "#EmojiScience" breaks down complex scientific subjects — like evolution, super materials, holograms and climate change — using flames and globe icons and Spanish dancers. The five-part series was inspired by last year's Emoji Science Lab pop-up lab at NYU, where thousands of students sent their favorite emojis to GE via Snapchat and received personalized science experiment videos in return.

> *Educators, tech influencers, museums ... they're all looking for different types of curriculum we can 'emoji-fy.'*
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> Lestrud

"We're trying to reach young fans where they are already, and video is an important component of that," says Sydney Lestrud, GE's global brand marketing manager. "Bill is a great educator, simplifying science and making it fun, and he was open to a new way of doing that."

GE is also working with the National Science Foundation to create emoji lesson plans for the classroom. And why stop there?

Says Lestrud: "Educators, tech influencers, museums … they're all looking for different types of curriculum we can 'emoji-fy.'" ASIA EWART

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Looking for an awesome place to work? Fortune magazine suggests that young people entering the job market look into ... Chili's Bar and Grill?

That's right: the Tex-Mex (term used very loosely) restaurant chain is the 11th-best company for millennial workers, according to a new study by Fortune and employment-review website Great Place to Work.

The magazine sifted through 90,000 survey responses from people under the age of 35 to find which employers catered best to their needs. The survey asked questions about such things as career advancement, employee support, volunteer opportunities and career guidance. Chili's ranked so highly because it offers, among other perks (free baby back ribs?), college tuition reimbursement and the opportunity to earn credits.

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Wimbledon

## Djokovic tops Federer

**Novak Djokovic displayed his full acrobatic repertoire to capture a third Wimbledon title with a 7-6 (1), 6-7 (10), 6-4, 6-3 victory over seven-time champion Roger Federer on Sunday. The Serbian world No. 1 got over the disappointment of squandering seven set points in a gripping second set to wreck Federer's dreams of a record eighth Wimbledon trophy and 18th grand-slam title.**

Visit **Metro.us** to see what Mark Cuban had to say about an ESPN reporter.

# New York sports scene has become a laughing matter

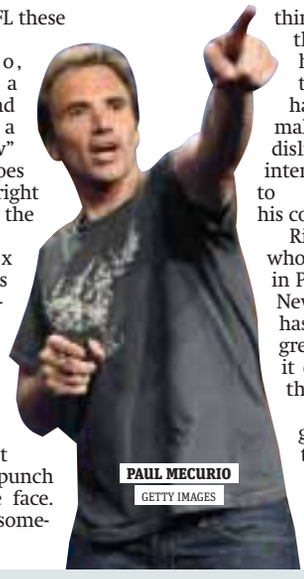
**NY Sports.** NYC comedians say it's going to be a while until the city's next championship.

It's funny now to think that Carmelo Anthony, left, and the Knicks thought they had a chance of luring LeBron James to Madison Square Garden. / GETTY IMAGES

The Rangers' season ended abruptly in May. The Knicks didn't exactly get their fans jumping up and down with the drafting of relative unknown Kristaps Porzingis. Soon, all eyes will be on the Jets and new head coach Todd Bowles. The U.S. women won't be playing any World Cup games again until 2019. So when can we expect another parade down the Canyon of Heroes?

Metro asked a couple of New York comedians, who also happen to be diehard sports fans, to chime in on the state of New York sports. We can expect a title soon, right?

"Good luck with that," Manhattan-based Paul Mecurio said. "The Knicks have become the Washington Generals. Phil Jackson has become the topper of a punch line. They fell from the second pick in the draft to the fourth. That might not sound so bad but it is when you have three difference makers and then you pick fourth. Regarding the Jets, Geno Smith is your quarterback of the future. That's great if the future is 1973. Smith is not equipped to be a starter in the NFL these days."



PAUL MECURIO
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Mecurio, who won a Emmy and Peabody as a "Daily Show" writer, does see one bright side for the Jets.

"Rex Ryan is gone," Mecurio said. "I hated Ryan's face so much that if he were my priest I would punch him in the face. There's something about those big, horrible teeth he has that makes me dislike him intensely, not to mention his coaching."

Rich Vos, who resides in Plainfield, New Jersey, has one regret when it comes to the Jets.

"I quit gambling too early," Vos said. "You know the Jets will lose and not cover. It's pathetic for both the Knicks and the Jets. How could New York, the richest city in the country, have teams as bad and bumbling as the Knicks and Jets? You have to try hard to be that bad. You have to make one bad decision after another to be that terrible."

Jackie "The Jokeman" Martling travels from Long Island to games at Madison Square Garden.

"I was courtside for a Knicks-Sixers game this past season," Martling said. "It was once the place to be, but not anymore. It's a shame. Knicks games used to be a huge event. But that's not the way it is anymore."

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**"The Knicks have become the Washington Generals. Phil Jackson has become the topper of a punch line."**

Comedian Paul Mecurio

MLB

## Yankees with strong first half

The Yankees enter the All-Star break leading the American League East, but they have the fewest wins by an AL East leader at the midway point since the Red Sox were 49-38 in 2005. In a year where the division may not be as strong as in years past, it is deep as seemingly every team in the division has a chance of potentially winning it. This means the Yankees cannot afford to have any extended rough stretches in the second half as they look to win their first AL East title since 2012. Here are three players who need to have good second halves for the Yankees to continue their success:

**Alex Rodriguez**
Rodriguez had a great first half, but they need him to be just as good in the second half. The key for the 39-year-old is staying healthy, and manager Joe Girardi has done a good job so far this season of managing A-Rod's playing time. Obviously, having A-Rod as a full-time DH has helped.

**Jacoby Ellsbury**
Ellsbury's presence at the top of the order makes the Yankees a completely different team. Ellsbury is batting over .300 and has an on-base percentage close to .400. As is the case with Rodriguez, staying healthy will be key. The Yankees can't afford for him to miss another extended stretch of time.

**Michael Pineda**
Everyone knows what a great bullpen the Yankees have, it's just getting to the bullpen that remains an issue. Masahiro Tanaka has proven to be the Yankees' best starter, but Pineda is a close second. He closed out the first half with a great performance against the Red Sox and the Yankees would love to get more of those going forward. If the Yankees were to reach the postseason, with Tanaka and Pineda on top of their games leading the rotation, New York would be a team no one would want to see.

Jacoby Ellsbury is back.
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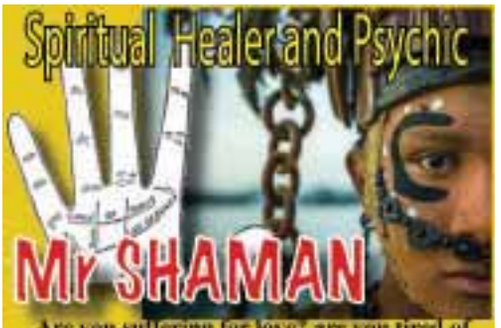


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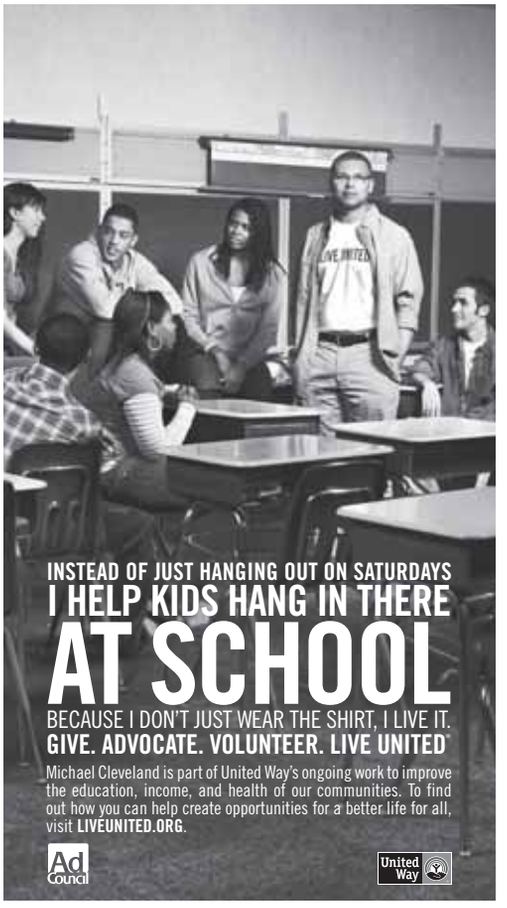
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